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Geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history, and cultural heritage of Los Angeles County.

In recent decades, the advent of increasingly sophisticated Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies has enhanced our capacity for effective decision making in emergency services, homeland security, economic development, environmental protection, crime mapping, healthcare, long-range planning, and much more.

The Los Angeles County Enterprise GIS Steering Committee has played a leading role in coordinating efforts in this field to eliminate duplication, reduce costs, and facilitate the sharing and interchange of geographic data, methods, and knowledge.

Because much of the public is largely unaware of the activities and advances in this field, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training among various groups to appropriately and effectively utilize this rapidly developing technology. Designating a special day to showcase and highlight GIS activities open to students, citizens, and government leaders will help achieve greater awareness of the benefits of GIS.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim Wednesday,

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November 14, 2012 as “Geographic Information Systems Day “ in the County of Los Angeles, acknowledging “The Power of Location” as a navigational, informational and public service aid, and encouraging all residents to reflect with gratitude and appreciation on the benefits this knowledge and technology provides.

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